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TITLE: Absorbable implant materials having controlled porosity

## BSPR:

EP-A-0274898 (Ethicon Inc.) describes an absorbable implant material having an open cell, foam-like structure and formed from resorbable polyesters, such as poly-p-dioxanone, other polyhydroxycarboxylic acids, polylactides or polyglycolides. The open-cell plastic matrix is reinforced with one or more reinforcing elements of a textile nature formed from a resorbable plastic and embedded in the matrix. The open-cell plastic matrix is made by freeze-drying a solution or suspension of the plastic material in a non-aqueous solvent. The pore size of the open-cell plastic matrix is from 10 to 200 .mu.m.

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